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Health labels required Cal Poly says its products will be tagged

By Cindy Utter
Daily Staff Writer

By Food and Drug Administration mandate, all packaged, processed foods must have large standardized nutrition labels by Sunday. And although Cal Poly's food products are technically exempt from the requirement, they're going to meet it anyway.

The labels are intended to tell people how the foods they eat affect their diets. They mark the first major change in food labeling since labels were introduced in 1973.

Cal Poly food science and nutrition professor Robert Vance said the new labels are not required on the food products sold by the university.

The school does not sell enough volume in food products to be required to have labels, he said.

"Companies must earn around \$250,000 a year selling food products before they are required to label

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ASI integrates MCC, funds cafe project

By Suzanne Moffatt
Daily Staff Writer

As was expected, the ASI Board of Directors voted Wednesday evening to make the Multi-Cultural Center an integrated part of the university, elevating it from its former club status.

Student Affairs and ASI will begin joint support of the Center in fall quarter.

Kevin Akins, chair of the Cultural Relations Committee, said the Center's club status will now have to be dissolved.

"In order for the state to

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¡Arriba!



Top: Members of El Ballet Folklórico de Cal Poly perform in honor of Cinco de Mayo during Thursday's U.U. hour. Bottom: Human development senior Maria Ruano and architecture junior Arturo Rodriguez perform a dance from the Chihuahua region in Mexico / Daily photos by Juan Martinez

More facilities turning away Poly Greeks

Owners say parties are trouble, but are bans discriminatory?

By Chris Rombouts
Daily Staff Writer

Alcohol- and vandalism-related problems have led many county banquet facility owners this year to ban or adopt strict policies for Cal Poly's Greeks.

Throughout the county, many owners and managers of banquet facilities say they've had enough of fraternities and sororities throwing parties that get out of hand and end up with property covered in vomit or otherwise vandalized.

Officials stress their problems are not with the entire Cal Poly student body, but simply with Greeks.

SPECIAL REPORT

Though not all fraternities and sororities have had such problems, many owners say they are implementing new policies to guard against such actions being repeated.

Meanwhile, representatives from many of the university's 27 fraternities and nine sororities say such stereotyping, and owners who discriminate

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"I feel like there is a bias. If they know it's a fraternity or sorority, they will keep the deposit."

Kristen Hildebrandt
Alpha Phi

"I try to be good to those guys. (But) half the time, they've painted pictures on the walls."

Sal Fernandes
Trinity Hall, SLO

"It's a stereotype."

Creston Thornton
Phi Kappa Psi

Leniency efforts defeated; Fay lashed in Singapore

By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press

SINGAPORE — Singapore delivered the stinging last words in a case that provoked international debate on crime and how to discourage it: four strokes of a rattan rod across the buttocks of an American teen-ager.

Michael Fay was among 10 prisoners to be flogged Thursday at Queenstown Prison. The 18-year-old high school senior was completing his fifth week of a four-month prison term also ordered for spray-painting cars and other acts of vandalism.

The punishment, considered torture by many human rights groups, was carried out using a wetted, four-foot-long, half-inch-thick rattan rod.

Floggings are a common form of punishment in Singapore and some other countries, but Fay's case touched a nerve in the United States and some other Western countries struggling with rising crime and the apparent

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House barely shoots down 'deadly' guns

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted narrowly Thursday to ban 19 types of assault-style weapons, a major victory for President Clinton and law enforcement groups lobbying for the bill.

The 216-214 vote had a dramatic ending, as Rep. Andrew Jacobs Jr., D-Ind.

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History is key to civil rights awareness

By Kristina Van Saun
Daily Staff Writer

On a campus where some say diversity has been steadily improving, the upcoming Civil Rights Awareness Week provides an opportunity for improving knowledge of civil rights and diversity at Cal Poly.

"Civil Rights in Education" is the theme for this year's Civil Rights Awareness Week, May 8 to 12.

"(The purpose of the events is) mainly to broaden awareness of issues on civil rights on campus," said architecture junior Malik Thorne, president of this year's Civil Rights Awareness Committee. "That's one of the key points. (The awareness week is) for people who don't normally have

a voice."

Last year, several ethnic organizations and other concerned students marched to President Baker's house. Their goal was to get response to their demands for a more diverse curriculum and a more active administration role in ethnic issues.

According to Thorne, Cal Poly has since taken steps to improve campus diversity.

"I can see an improvement since last year, especially with the new ethnic studies minor," Thorne said.

"The ethnic studies program is very valuable," he added. "We need

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25 school days remaining in spring quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Fifty percent chance of rain**TOMORROW'S WEATHER:** Morning 40 percent chance of rain**Today's high/low:** 65 / 47 **Tomorrow's high/low:** 65 / 48

TODAY

Seminar • "Lessons from the Northridge Earthquake,"

Room 05-105, 9 a.m. / 756-1314

Special Olympics • County-wide Meet, Arroyo Grande High School, 9:30 a.m. / 544-6444**Cinco de Mayo Dance** • Basta, Hip-Hop, Old School, Achievement House (behind Cuesta), 8 p.m.**Dinner/Dancing** • CSA Senior Banquet, Marie Callendar's, Pismo Beach, 8:30 p.m. / 543-5946

WEEKEND

Cinco de Mayo Carnaval • Showcase dancing and food, Sun., Dexter Lawn, 11 a.m.**ACLU Social** • "The War on Crime: Death Knell for Civil Liberties?," Ramona Ripston, Sun., Community Room, City/County Library, 2:30 p.m. / 544-0142**Speech** • "Back to Separate but Equal," Nat Hentoff, Sun., Chumash Auditorium, 7 p.m.

UPCOMING

Discussion • "Your Money or Your Life: Thriving in the '90s," Jim Merkel, May 10, Sandwich Plant, 7 p.m. / 541-0904**Seminar** • "Maya Angelou: Voice and Song," May 11, U.U. 220, 12:30 p.m.**Conference** • "Keeping Current in the 1990's," May 13 For reservations: 543-0369**Seminar** • "The Concept of the Person: India and the West," Dr. Ninian Smart, May 13, U.U. 220, 3 p.m.**Concert** • Cal Poly Symphonic Band spring concert, May 14, Chumash Auditorium, 8 p.m. For tickets: 756-5806**Mountain Bike Race** • Real Riders' Rendezvous, May 15, Lake San Antonio / 238-4343**Forum** • "Concerned for Our Safety: Issues of Student Safety on Campus," May 17, U.U. 220, noon / 544-5286**WriterSpeak** • Jane Hirshfield and Kim Addonizio, May 18, U.U. 204, 7 p.m.**Theater Performance** • Benefit previews of "Nunsense," May 18 and 19, 682 Palm St., 8 p.m. / 543-0369**Rally** • "Take Back the Night," May 19, Chumash Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. / 756-2600**Discussion** • League of Women Voters on the June State Ballot, May 20, 944 San Adriano St., 9:30 a.m. / 543-2220**Amnesty International** • "Write-a-thon," May 21, Linnaea's Cafe, 1 p.m. / 543-7584**AIDS Support Network** • Candlelight Memorial Walk, May 22, Mission Plaza, 7:45 p.m. / 781-3660

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Firefighters investigated in '93 blaze

Sheriff says Malibu blaze may have been started to obtain glory

By John Antczak
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Revelations that two firefighters are under investigation in the killer Malibu wildfire sent a jolt Thursday through the scorched community where the title firefighter is synonymous with hero.

Outrage over the allegations in the still-developing probe mixed with anger that the reputation of all firefighters could be tarred by a few.

"I have a hard time imagining this is true. Firemen have to know that people die in fires," said Ann Brisbin, 39, whose home burned in the firestorm started on Nov. 2.

"This leaves a feeling of vulnerability," said Gillian Cairns, whose home overlooks scorched lots where houses once stood.

Four days of raging flames boiling across 18,500 acres in the rustic canyons of the Santa Monica Mountains killed three people and destroyed 350 homes. Most of what was lost, valued at \$375 million, has yet to be rebuilt.

"It's just like the beating of Rodney King making all policemen look bad," said Tony Lawlor, at work in a city where a sign tacked to a tree still says "Thank You" to a long-departed army of firefighters.

The men under investigation, rookie Los Angeles city firefighter Steven R. Shelp, 29, and Nicholas A. Durepo, 24, a member of the tiny Manhattan Beach Fire Department's volunteer reserve, have not been arrested or charged.

Both men were at the scene in the early moments of the fire in rustic Topanga Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains east of the Malibu coastline. They had been credited with volunteer firefighting efforts at the time.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block said his investigators presented a case to the district attorney and the county grand jury has already held a preliminary meeting on the matter and will meet further this month.

"If we did not believe we had a case that was appropriate for a criminal complaint, we would not have submitted it to the district attorney," said Block.

The Malibu blaze was among the worst in a siege of wildfires that roared across Southern California as the seasonal Santa Ana winds swept the region.

Block would not expressly confirm reports that his investigators believe the men set the fire so they could quickly put it out and become heroes. But he indicated by his remarks that such a theory was being pursued.

"I can't look into their minds," Block said, adding, "We don't believe their intent was to cause great devastation."

Block acknowledged that some people seek work in law enforcement and firefighting to become heroes, noting such examples as a police officer who faked the discovery of a bomb during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

That theory only made the news harder to take in Malibu.

"It was terrible thinking it was some kind of a pyromaniac. But the idea they did this for personal gain is worse," said Sherri Ruzicka, 42.

Los Angeles Fire Chief Donald O. Manning said Block told him confidentially about the investigation in early January just two days after his firefighter had entered the fire academy.

"I was literally shocked that a member of the fire service, any fire service, would be thought to be a suspect because the firefighters had performed so heroically during those firestorms," said Manning.

Block and Manning would not release the men's names but Manning said he had reassigned his firefighter to administrative duty primarily because he had been identified in news reports. Safety was also a factor, he said.

"With all of this happening to an individual it's bound to create an impact on how they think about their duties. I don't want this individual ... hurt in a fire ... or unable to assist the citizens of Los Angeles," he said.

Manhattan Beach Fire Marshal Steve Age confirmed Durepo was placed on administrative leave. The 30-person department learned of the probe when Durepo informed his captain and fire Chief Dennis Groat on Monday, said Age.

CANING: American teen-ager has nearly three months of prison term left

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failure of efforts to deter it.

While his parents sought U.S. support for their campaign to get the sentence lifted, many Americans said they felt Fay was getting what he deserved and called for tougher punishment at home.

The sentence was reduced Wednesday from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Clinton, who considered caning too harsh a punishment for the crime. The State Department called in the Singapore ambassador to express its displeasure when the sentence was carried out.

Singapore has staunchly defended its penal code — under which some 1,000 men between 16 and 50 years of age are flogged each year — and argued that America's liberal legal system was responsible for its high crime rate.

According to official accounts of caning, prisoners are

bound to a trestle by their hands and ankles and struck on the bare buttocks by a long switch. The skin is broken, the buttocks are bloodied and permanent scars are often left.

Fay's lawyers were not able to see him, but the Prisons Department said the teen-ager "was examined by the prison's doctor after the caning and found to be in satisfactory condition."

Fay's parents both contend their son was coerced into a false confession by Singapore police.

In an interview less than an hour before the caning was announced, Fay's mother, Randy Chan said: "To me six strokes is torture, four strokes is torture. As a mother, of course, I am thankful that it's four. But it's still horrendous."

The youth has lived in Singapore since 1992 with his mother and her husband, Marco Chan. They plan to return to the United States as soon as he is freed.

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GREEKS: Members say local business restrictions aimed at their parties are unfair, but owners say it's protection

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against them, are being unfair. They say the actions of a few fraternities and sororities have ruined the reputation of the entire Greek system.

Coordinator: 'More than just Greeks'

Cal Poly's Coordinator for Greek Affairs Walt Lambert agrees.

"First of all, I think the problems are more than just the Greeks," he said. "I think when businesses are asked about students and problems they've had, they immediately think of Greeks when it may not have even been the Greek organization causing the problem."

"That's not to say there isn't a problem," he added. "There is. And we've talked about it. We try to explain over and over again that if one fraternity goes somewhere and has a problem, it's going to make it harder for all fraternities who may ever want to go there."

Last weekend, such an impression was made at Cuesta College's Achievement House.

Pledges for Sigma Alpha Epsilon rented the facility for a party they sponsored for active members. But when the fun ended, Achievement House was left with broken tables and lights and was vomit- and blood-laden.

Though the pledges later returned to clean the facility, its operators were left with enough damage to require a two-day closure before health inspectors would allow it to reopen, according to Food Service Supervisor Kitty Greenhaw.

Greenhaw said she still is totaling damages from the weekend event, but knows she lost at least \$100 in revenue on Monday and Tuesday.

"(The pledges) mopped the floor, but dirt is still under the wax," she said. "The floor has to be stripped and waxed."

Owners cite numerous problems

To hear local banquet facilities owners tell it, what happened at Achievement House is not uncommon when renting out to Cal Poly's Greek organizations. And it is for that reason that many are no longer renting to the Greeks — a move that has made it difficult for some sororities and fraternities to hold the social functions they say are vital to their organizations.

San Luis Bay Inn owner Jacques Gorman said she has a particular adversity to sororities, but has had no problems with Cal Poly's fraternities.

"(The fraternities) maintain all the rules," she said. "They have been a pleasure to work with."

But because of problems Gorman said she has repeatedly had with sororities, a management decision recently was made to limit business to them.

Gorman said that as a result of problems at a Jan. 29 event sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta, sororities will be required to submit a waiver of insurance before they are allowed to host events there.

"They have arrived drunk, smuggled in alcohol and physically assaulted me," she said. "(They) screamed, yelled, threw beer cans at the bus and puked all over the place."

"They stole alcohol from behind the bar, then denied it, but we found it in their purses."

But according to Kappa Alpha Theta President Amy Waldorf, Gorman was intolerant and unrealistic about the way college-aged adults should act.

"Gorman would come up to us and take drinks out of our hand, no explanation, no nothing," Waldorf said. "That was the beginning of our evening."

The San Luis Bay Inn is divided into a hotel and restaurant. Many of the sorority members had to deal with conflicting policies from the divisions that were not clear to them, Waldorf said.

"They had different policies," she said. "If we walked

in, how were we supposed to know you can't take a drink from the hotel to the restaurant?"

Lambert said he spoke with Gorman about the incidents and asked for a written account of the actions. He said such a report would aid him in meeting with the sorority and determining a possible punishment.

"I heard about all the complaints, (but) I never got anything (from Gorman)," Lambert said. "I didn't even get a return phone call. That's not to say that those things didn't happen. (But) I simply can't do anything without knowing what happened."

Problems lead to bans, restrictions

San Luis Bay Inn is not the only business that's changed policies as a result of problems associated with fraternities and sororities. In fact, many banquet facility owners are simply refusing to rent their property out to Greek-associated clubs.

Osos Street Subs and Pasta Manager Tom Stevens said his business decided about six or seven months ago to rent to Greek clubs only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays, and only if alcohol is not involved.

Stevens said the Greek organizations he rented to in the past were well-aware of the policies and rules they were supposed to follow. He said that any group wanting to rent the building had to sign a contract, which explained what was expected before being allowed to hold an event.

But Stevens said in some cases, the contracts did little to deter some fraternity members from breaking the rules.

"They pull sinks off the walls, break toilets, break furniture and try to pull in underage friends," Stevens said.

Madonna Inn General Manager Connie Pearce said she will never again consider doing any business with Greeks. She maintains she can't afford the liabilities she has had to endure at the hands of some Greek clubs.

One instance, Pearce said, was particularly difficult to handle because by its nature, it offended the upper-class clientele she is used to serving.

"A girl passed out, slid down in the chair and her dress came up over her hips to reveal she had no underwear on," Pearce said.

She said other fraternity members threw up in the pond, stole alcohol, kicked in doors under the bathroom sink, plugged toilets and tried to physically assault a guest.

"(Greeks) don't have respect for anyone's property," Pearce said. "They are like animals."

Sal Fernandes, caretaker for Trinity Hall on Edna Road in San Luis Obispo, said his organization's Board of Directors decided Monday night to ban any Cal Poly moneymaking organization from renting the hall. He said that too many fraternities have been associated with damages, neighbor complaints and police confrontations. He said 13 police officers were called by one fraternity's own security guards in 1993 because of noise complaints and fights.

"I try to be good to those guys," Fernandes said. "(But) half the time or more, they've painted pictures on the walls."

Workers at the Monday Club said their historic Grand Avenue building is too fragile for some of the abuses it has faced during Greek parties. As a result, officials there implemented a policy two years ago to allow clubs to rent the building only if alcohol is not involved.

Tony Flats, who is in charge of renting the hall, said that an accumulation of events — associated primarily with Greeks — stimulated the new policies.

A \$375 security deposit is now required from any group which wishes to rent the Monday Club. Beth Himes, another employee who helps book groups there,

said the security deposit will be returned to any group leaving the place in original condition.

Himes said after some of the more out-of-hand events sponsored by Greeks, workers have had to wash the floor twice, pick up beer cans and bottles from the shrubs, replant trampled flowers and clean the bathrooms of vomit. She said floors had to be refinished after one pledge class decided to try a motorcycle out on the hardwood floor.

Alcohol is the root of the problem

Despite the problems cited by local businesses, Lambert said this year has been a relatively quiet one for Cal Poly's fraternities and sororities.

"We've had few complaints this year," he said. "They just all seem to be coming at once. It tends to be, though, that we have a lot of our problems during spring quarter."

But many business owners, Cal Poly Greeks and Lambert agree: Alcohol is the reason behind most of the problems Greeks encounter.

"I don't think there's been a single problem with a sorority or fraternity where alcohol has not been the root of the problem," Lambert said. "It all comes back to that one word — alcohol."

Some are supportive of Greeks

Though many organizations cited numerous problems they've had in renting their facilities to Greeks, there are some in the county who say they appreciate business from all of Cal Poly — including the Greeks.

Alison Peterson, catering coordinator for Pacific Suites, said she is happy to do business with any group affiliated with Cal Poly.

"We do a lot of business with Cal Poly," she said. "We are very happy with them. We value our relations with Cal Poly."

Cindy Foresee the manager and banquet director at Trader Nicks in Pismo Beach said all of Cal Poly is fun to work with.

"We do a lot of groups from Cal Poly," Foresee said. "I love working with some of (the Greeks)."

Foresee cited Alpha Gamma Rho as the last fraternity who held an event at her establishment.

"They had a great time, they were real fun," she said.

Tortilla Flats Manager Elias Nimeh said Greek clubs he has worked with for the last eight years are hardworking and responsible. He said he helps the groups with their weekly fund-raising events by providing the building, alcohol, music, security, a work force and door prizes. He said he has never had a problem with any Greek club.

"They work hard (and) they earn a lot of money, which they donate to nonprofit organizations," he said. "They keep the atmosphere young, fun and healthy."

Cal Poly Greeks respond

Greek members don't deny they've had problems in the past. But many say they are frustrated that a few isolated incidents ruin it for the whole Greek system.

"It's really sad that some people ruin it for all of us," said Jennifer Riso, an ecology and systematic biology junior and member of Alpha Chi Omega. "It's really not fair. One strike and you're out. No one gives the Greek system a second chance."

Economics junior Ryan Meyer, also the social chair for Beta Theta Pi fraternity, agreed.

"The few bads make us all look bad," he said.

Business senior Creston Thornton, also the social chair for Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, said when establishments have a bad experience with one fraternity or sorority they say, "I don't like this group, so I don't like Greeks."

"One fraternity that has never done anything might never be able to rent because of what another fraternity or sorority did," he said.

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Gay kiss on 'Melrose Place' finale may get nixed by Fox as too racy

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The sexy bravado of "NYPD Blue" kicked off the television season. Then came the gay bar kiss on "Roseanne" and the gay wedding on "Northern Exposure."

"Melrose Place" could bring TV's most daring year yet to an end with a bang — or a whimper. A shared kiss between two men might be deleted by Fox Broadcasting Co. before the season finale airs May 18.

The network has yet to receive the completed episode and will review it before making a decision, Fox spokeswoman Sharan Magnuson said Wednesday.

The show's producers were mum after bold talk about enlightened treatment of gay characters.

Whatever Fox does, critics are ready to pounce.

"I think it's a real problem that such a progressive network would be worried about this ... a recurring gay character who happens to get kissed," said Lee Wer-

bel, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's Los Angeles chapter.

But L. Brent Bozell III, chairman of Media Research Center, a conservative watchdog group in Alexandria, Va., condemns such scenes as gratuitous — and as the industry's liberal politics as usual.

"I don't want a program that teaches homosexuality is wrong," he said. "I don't want a program that teaches it's right. ... If you want to entertain, entertain. If you want a documentary on this, put it on PBS."

Television has been intent on working sexual themes, both gay and straight, into comedies and dramas this season.

"NYPD Blue" featured partial nudity and bedroom scenes; Roseanne Arnold was smooched by Mariel Hemingway in a "Roseanne" episode; two male residents of Cicely, Alaska, tie the knot on "Northern Exposure."

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John HUBBELL

On campus, 'Stop the presses!' is taking on new meaning

Doug Lombardi is exhausted, and worried. And he has reason to be.

He's the editor in chief of The Pioneer, the twice weekly student newspaper at CSU-Hayward. And a few weeks back, the Pioneer joined the ranks of the increasing number of college publications fighting for their independence, and fighting for their lives.

Though it's a unique story, and at a different campus, the plight of the Pioneer does much to illustrate the crisis facing much of scholastic journalism these days. As goes the Pioneer and its readers, it seems, so might go the fate of all of us.

Here is what's going on. At Hayward, much of the Pioneer's funding comes from its student government.

When accounting errors occurred in the school's financial office, the dean cut the newspaper's budget by a whopping 20 percent.

While the Pioneer's plight is largely due to book-keeping blunders (that's much kinder than the four-letter word Lombardi uses to describe what happened), there's an uncanny coincidence in its dilemma. Just as the Pioneer has picked up circulation and credibility, it seems, its funding has been shot to smithereens. While Lombardi and his staff have labored tirelessly, expanding the Pioneer with news coverage not found elsewhere, shortsighted administrators have torpedoed its progress.

The impact has already been seen in the Pioneer's number of pages. The editorial staff is soon likely to shrink by almost half. "And with the current proposal," says Lombardi, "the Pioneer will be basically nothing next year."

That's not a statement to be taken lightly. When a student newspaper is fettered by censorship, or exists only in shadows, it greatly reduces students' voice on campus.

At the Daily, we're fortunate. Our budget is generated by advertising, and student government or faculty censorship play no part in our product. Like UCLA and UC-Santa Barbara, we're five days a week, always at least eight pages and have no plans to ever be anything less.

But the free flow of information here doesn't mean student's voices are as loud across the state. At UC-Berkeley, the once-prominent Daily Californian has decreased publication to twice a week. Foothill and De Anza community colleges have canceled their journalism programs. And distress is spreading in high schools throughout the state, where funding is down, intimidation is up and the "news" is now often maudlin and saccharine.

Surely, that's worrisome for those of us who work in the news media. But it's more distressing for those we serve — the readers who depend on us for campus news, sports, arts and opinion. When newspapers diminish or evaporate, a sense of university and community is threatened. And there's a pragmatic effect, too: Students simply don't know what's going on anymore.

Pioneer editor Lombardi will graduate next month. And when he was talking with his dad on the phone a few nights ago, Dad Lombardi had a good suggestion. Maybe he said, you should just start your own newspaper in Hayward after June.

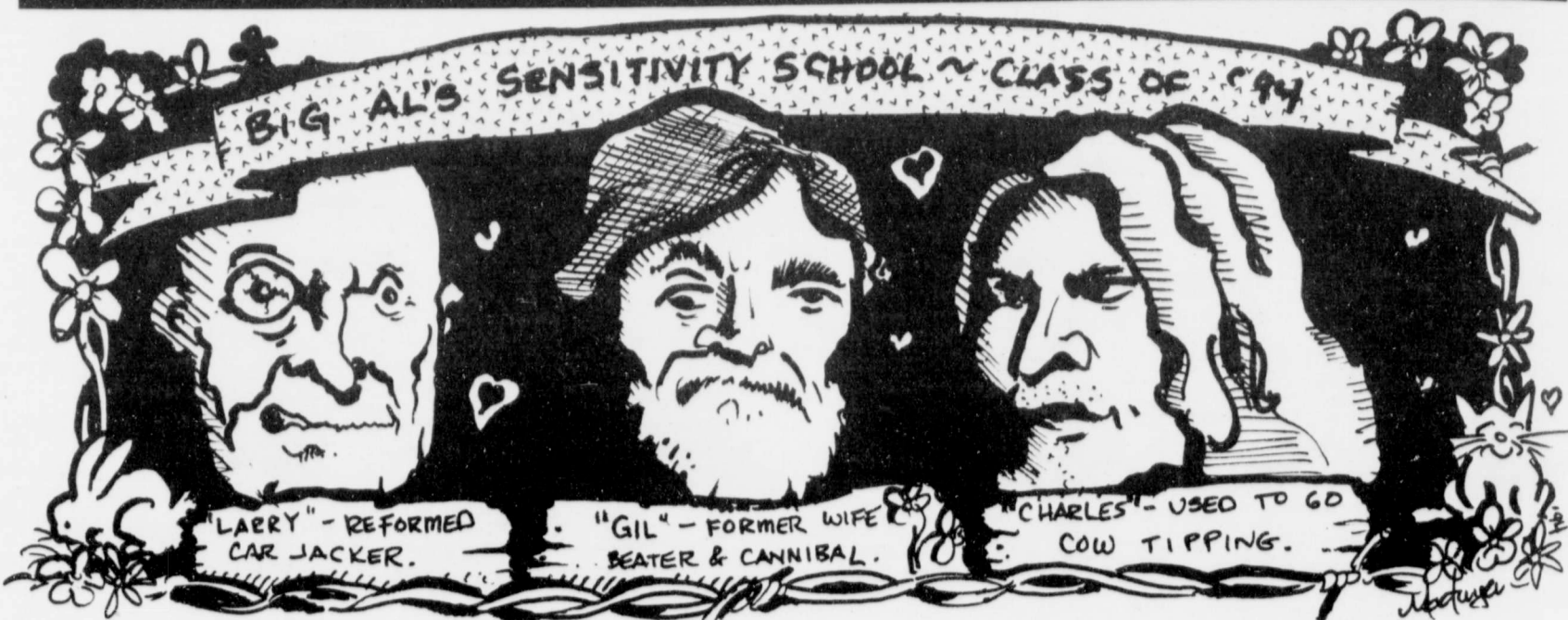
Lombardi, committed to keeping the free flow of information and "sickened" by what might otherwise occur in Hayward, said Thursday the idea may stick.

"At this point," he said, "that makes more sense than anything else."

And if that's what it has to take to keep the student press on its feet in Hayward, more people than just Doug Lombardi should be worrying.

• John Hubbell is editor of the Daily, and co-president of the California Intercollegiate Press Association.

COMMENTARY



Finally, we're breaking free from being PC

By A.J. Schuermann

We now live in a post-politically-correct world, which means it's no longer PC to be PC.

Fortunately for America, it didn't take us long to recognize the counterproductivity of the PC movement.

First of all, its obsession with polite and sensitive language became an easy target for conservatives, bigots and anyone else who wished to become a martyr for the cause of free speech.

Second, in spite of its hype, politically-correct language produced no tangible benefits for those seeking to improve society. The mistake was in diverting attention from the reality of inequality and obsessing over polite language as the answer to all our social problems.

Finally, the PC police only confused and irritated well-meaning people who knew deep down that sensitivity training could be better applied to carjackers and wife-beaters than the general population of white males.

For these reasons political correctness was an ineffective, confusing and irritating movement, and we should celebrate its downfall. Too many people were condemned and labeled as "racists" and "sexists" for too many reasons. Just like a radio station playing a popular song over and over until its listeners became irritated, these "sexists" and "racists" became so commonplace that their labels lost impact. The real racists and sexists, as well as their real victims, were indistinguishable in the crowd.

As we discard the folly of left-wing political-correctness,

we should remember not to pick on liberals without acknowledging the folly of the other side. Conservatives have been just as bad in shamelessly advocating their patriotic correctness, in which they claim the high moral ground of flags and family values and then question our patriotism when we disagree with their viewpoints.

With hindsight, they looked pretty stupid, too. Their song about Murphy Brown and family values was played over and over, and it too became annoying and ineffective.

So now, looking to the future, we should remember that our post-PC world is not regressing to the pre-PC world of insensitive references. It must include caution and courtesy but must also be more tolerant of contradiction and controversy for the sake of open communication.

Guilt will no longer loom over our conversations because sensitivity training will be replaced with toughness training. Tears will be wiped and reality will be faced by people who would otherwise hide behind the verbal smokescreen of correctness and balk at the notion that actions speak louder than words.

To establish any equality or moral high ground we must first hear our honest selves without being intimidated or distracted or made to feel guilty. Once we have freed ourselves from the language police we can get down to the business of action. We can stop talking on a tight rope while condemning and correcting each other.

• A.J. Schuermann is the Daily's business manager.

LETTERS

More ingenuity, less chicken nuggets

Re: "Closin' time for upstart student cafe," May 4

Let's hear a big hooray for bureaucratic s— at Cal Poly once again! I just finished digesting Wednesday's article concerning the West End Cafe project. Kudos to the people who planned and executed what sounds like a successful, though apparently short-lived, venture into the quasi-real world of business and design. It is a sad day when the greatest attribute and ideal of Cal Poly comes under fire, and from places like Campus Dining.

"Learn by doing," we are told. What it seems to mean, though, is: "Learn by doing, as long as your hard work and ingenuity won't infringe on our profit margin."

Come on! These are the people who brought you "The Stalls," the land of nondescript "lunch meat" and the ever-pleasing all-you-can-eat lettuce bar! Show us that Campus Dining's loss in the matter is greater than the benefits to the students, both as operators and as customers, and maybe we will care — a little bit.

It's called Watergate; look it up

Regarding response to: "A very Nixonian way of saying goodbye," Opinion, April 28

Before Keith Spencer and Cawas Mody mourn the death of Mr. Nixon too grievously, I suggest they take the time to read a transcript of the Watergate tapes.

I don't know what their peculiar senses of value incorporate, but I really would prefer that the president of the United States not agree to pay \$1 million to keep-convicted burglars quiet. Nor do I think the president ought to ask the CIA to obstruct an FBI investigation in order to cover his ass. This is called "obstruction of justice."

I also suggest they consider the career of this president's vice president, one Spiro T. Agnew, a man who not only extorted money from Maryland contractors but who had the temerity to appear on national television and argue that his no contest plea meant he was not guilty.

In my Humanities 402 class last quarter, open only to upper division students, not one knew who Spiro Agnew was.

By the way, Mr. Spencer, giving Richard Nixon credit for ending the war in Vietnam is like giving Harry Truman credit for ending World War II.

Matthew Novak
 Associate Professor, English

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tomers, and maybe we will care — a little bit.

Until that time, though, the West End Cafe needs to fight like hell and pull out all the stops in order to show Campus Dining Associated Director Allan Cushman that this is a school, and the students and their education, as well as their leisure, need to be taken into consideration. No one really cares if Campus Dining can't afford to offer seconds on chicken nugget night (well, maybe). But don't forget that the only way to really do anything well is through experience.

Aaron Brown
 Mechanical engineering senior

Witmer has the right attitude

Re: "Tolerance goes deeper than skin," Opinion, May 3

I am a student assistant in the Sierra Madre office of Housing and Residential Life. When I first started to read the opinion article by Lori Witmer, I thought it was going to be another slam against our department. However, the article was wonderful. Witmer did not whine about how she was rejected and how the whole application-recruitment process was a waste of time, unlike the statements of some other applicants.

Thanks for explaining to her students that the resident adviser recruitment weekend is not a time for weeding out the "undesirables." This weekend is a time for growth and gaining awareness about yourself and the world around you. Despite the fact that you were not offered the position this year, you still gained insight about how you relate to diversity. This is what really matters. I was a resident adviser last year, and the realizations you made are definitely needed as tools for this position.

Please, Lori, apply again next year. You're one of the few students who actually "got it!"

Ruth Simmons
 English senior

LABELS: FDA using blimp to spread the word

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their food," he said. However, Cal Poly is going to voluntarily label its food products, Vance said.

"Our goal is to have labels by the fall quarter," he said.

Meat products, monitored by the USDA, will not be required to have labels until June or July, he said. The meat products the school sells which will require labels include summer sausage, hams, bacon, beef jerky and smoked linguisa, he said.

"Lots of fresh meat — such as steaks, roasts and fresh sausages — do not need labeling," Vance added.

Produce does not require labeling either, he said. However, the government suggests that stores post nutritional information above produce and other foods not labeled individually, Vance said.

"The requirement may be mandated in the future," he said.

Some companies may not want to label their products because it is "very tedious, time consuming, and very expensive," he said.

But it was inevitable that nutrition labels would become required, Vance said.

"People are interested in reading labels," he said. "It is one more way to help people learn about what they are eating."

Federal authorities are also hailing the new rule.

"The new food label represents nothing less than an enormous public health opportunity that comes only rarely," FDA Commissioner David Kessler said in announcing the public awareness campaign Monday.

"Using the new label, Americans will be able to make truly informed choices about the foods they eat."

But Kessler added the labels will do no good if people don't know they exist. In at least 10 major league baseball stadiums around the country, scoreboards will flash a special public service announcement starring Kirby Puckett, an outfielder for the Minnesota Twins, Roger Clemens, a Boston Red Sox pitcher, and Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

Curious George will appear in a series of television messages for kids and the slogan, "The New Food Label: Check it out," will flash across the electronic bulletin board in New York's Times Square.

All three Goodyear blimps will display announcements as they float around the country, and paper tray liners at McDonald's will explain the labels.

Learning about nutrition is a way of life, according to nutritional science senior Anthony Velasquez, president of Cal Poly's Nutrition Club.

"People need to understand what is happening in their bodies with the food they eat."

They also need to ask themselves what they are going to feel and look like at 50 or 60 years old, he said. Learning about nutrition is preventive medicine, he added.

Schools need to teach nutrition in addition to math, English and science, he said, and they should start at the elementary level.

With the new nutrition label, he said, people can start to understand what nutrition is all about.

The old labels were voluntary, and food manufacturers were free to describe their products as they wished. The new ones are required, and manufacturers must conform to a much stricter set of rules.

"The link between diet and health is real," Kessler said. "The world of nutrition is a very different place in 1994."

The labels bear the heading "Nutrition Facts" and contain information people can use to plan their diets. Serving sizes are now larger and uniform across types of products.

Velasquez said the new labels will be good for food products that already are low in fat content such as Coke and Dr. Pepper. The companies that produce low-fat food products will capitalize on the new label information, he said.

But companies that produce high-fat food products such as meats will be forced to show exactly what is in their food," he said.

Kessler said he hopes shoppers will take the time to read the labels and use them in making choices.

"A simple rule, a simple tip: If the percent daily value is 5 percent or less, the product is low in that particular nutrient," Kessler said. "If you see total fat at 5 percent, you remember that rule, then you know that the product is low in total fat."

"We're witnessing a public health milestone and a great victory for the American consumer," proclaimed Michael Jacobson, president of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a non-profit consumer group that has been pushing for more informed labels.

"Consumers will be able to see what they're getting and trust what they're seeing."

• The Associated Press contributed to this report.

GREEKS

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Many Greek members said they believe local businesses unfairly discriminate against them.

"I feel like there is a bias," said animal science junior Kristen Hildebrandt, chair for Alpha Phi sorority. "If they know it's a fraternity or sorority, they will keep the deposit."

Biochemistry senior Kristen Mason, also the social chair for Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said it's hard to keep any large group of people under control, whether or not the group is made up of Greeks.

"It can't just be confined to the Greek system," she said.

Thornton agreed.

"It's a stereotype," he said. "Any group of people can rent a hall and ruin it."

Greeks having trouble finding rentals

Riso said she has had trouble finding places that will rent out for Greek functions.

"I've had an extremely hard time getting places, because there are no places (that will rent to Greeks) in San Luis Obispo," she said. "We have to get busses to take us outside of San Luis (Obispo), and that adds to the cost."

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Jennifer Riso
Alpha Chi Omega

Hildebrandt agreed.

"We're getting fewer and fewer places to rent out," she said. "I know what places not to call."

Meyer said the limited number of places in San Luis Obispo is "really frustrating."

"I'd rather keep money in town," he said.

Biochemistry senior Kristen Mason, also the social chair for Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, said high prices and a lack of other places to go have forced her sorority to find alternatives to renting out facilities for functions.

"We do a lot of activities among ourselves, a lot of sisterhood activities," she said.

Thornton said his house prefers to have functions outside. Events held in the past at beaches or parks have been successful, he said.

"You just have to be creative," Thornton said.

• Daily editors and staff writers contributed to this report.

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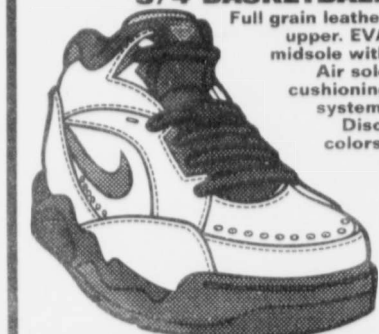
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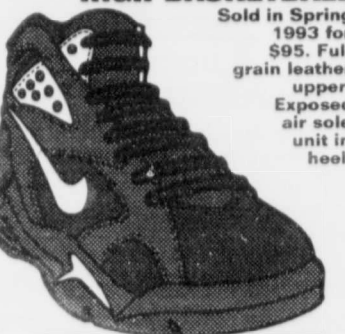
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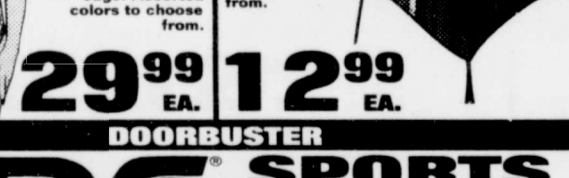
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give the Center funding, the Multi-Cultural Center can no longer be recognized as a club," he said.

Akins also said the dissolution of the Center's club status means an advisory board will be created in the place of the Cultural Relations Committee.

"Umbrella organizations are being formed where (different) clubs get together to decide on a designee for the advisory board," he said.

In the fall, ASI President-elect Erica Brown will appoint five students to serve on the board in addition to the faculty members, ASI staff members and club representatives that the Cultural Relations Committee will choose.

Akins said the Board will vote on the Center's code of operation in next week's meeting.

In other ASI business, the Board:

Voted to find Board members an office

The Board elected to ask the University Executive Committee to begin looking for a space in the U.U. where an office area can be set up for Board members.

The Rose Float's office previously was targeted in the resolution as the ideal space for the directors, but board members said they will let the UEC decide which area is best.

Rose Float Committee Chair Steven James said the club is waiting to see what happens.

"It may still end up being us," he said. "But if it does come down to our office, it will have gone through the right channels."

James also said he thinks the Rose Float Club was slighted by the board when their office was directly targeted, but is glad the resolution was changed.

"We've shown we need an office and the Board hasn't demonstrated (its need) yet," he said.

Director of Operations Management John Stipicevich said some faculty and staff currently are moving into different office spaces and UEC won't know until mid-May what space is available for clubs.

Josh Gooch, a representative from the College of Agriculture, said he thinks the Board needs an office to increase communication between board members.

"We don't really have the best communication link," he said. "That really makes a difference when making decisions."

Approved funding for student cafe

The Student Planning Commission was granted \$650 to use for benches and tent-like structures for the West End Cafe project.

West End Cafe began as an Open House project for nine architecture students. Since that time, the students have attempted to sell coffee, muffins and the like near the Business and Architecture buildings.

But because Foundation has the right to control all food sales on campus, there has been debate on whether the cafe should be allowed to operate.

According to Carolyn Wakefield, Student Planning Commission chair, the Foundation is only allowing the cafe to sell food on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but ASI and Foundation officials are negotiating for daily operation of the student coffee stand.

Although future operations of the cafe are questionable, Wakefield said the approved money is meant to beautify the campus as well as supplement the cafe. She said no specific plans have been made for using the benches should the cafe project be banned by Foundation.

WEAPONS

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switched in favor of the ban. The vote was a crushing defeat for the National Rifle Association.

The vote means that both houses now have passed similar weapons bans. The final language must be worked out in a House-Senate conference.

Only last week, backers of the ban were 15-20 votes behind. By the start of this week, the number dwindled to under a dozen. And as the vote neared, even as lawmakers confronted each other in floor debate, a parade of ban supporters stepped forward to announce their new positions.

The measure would stop future production and sale of the 19 weapons, but would not affect legally owned guns on the list.

Clinton gave convert Rep. Stephen Neal, D-N.C., a starring role in a joint Rose Garden appearance.

The president called Neal's change in position "an act of conviction and courage," as he called for "a dramatic strike against these deadly weapons."

On the House floor Rep. Tim Roemer, D-Ind., said he voted against a 1991 attempt to impose a similar ban, which failed 247-177.

"This bill ... is very different," Roemer argued. "It does not take guns away from anybody in this country. It does not retroactively go after the guns owned by legitimate gun owners of this country."

CIVIL RIGHTS

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more emphasis on ethnic issues."

Ethnic Studies professor Willi Coleman said she is excited about the concept of Civil Rights Awareness Week.

"I certainly hope students will take advantage of an extraordinary 'out-of-classroom' environment," Coleman said.

According to Coleman, expanding awareness includes remembering the history of civil rights.

"So many people are unaware of civil rights issues," Coleman said. "We need to rethink it not only with every generation, but every year."

The Multi-Cultural Center, which is helping to publicize the week-long program, expects to see a huge crowd for this year's events.

"I've been to the Civil Rights Awareness Week in the past few years, and there's always been a big turn out," said electrical engineering senior Maurice Atendido, a member of the MCC.

The Center is sponsoring three events, including a video/slide show in the Chumash Auditorium, a panel discussion by Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United and an open forum to discuss multicultural topics led by representatives from ethnically diverse organizations on campus.

Afro American Student Union President Kwame Reed said students and faculty alike need to become more aware of civil rights issues.

"It's a chance to remember the unsung heroes you never hear about and to realize we still need civil rights awareness," Reed said.

Reed said awareness is slowly improving, but added faculty should be more adequately prepared to teach ethnic issues.

"Professors should partake in ethnic workshops," Reed said.

Reed commented on the diversity of the faculty and said it seems to be "slowly building, but there should still be more (diversity)."

ARNOLD

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years ago, when she began to compete in junior-level competition.

Arnold says tennis in high school wasn't a big deal. In fact, she didn't even play her senior year. Instead, she spent her time preparing for summer junior tournaments in hopes of reaching the Junior Nationals.

Some of the preparations included attending summer camps to help her game. One camp she went to was at USC, where she met former Cal Poly Head Coach Hugh Bream and Eppright.

When the tan right-hander started looking at colleges to attend, she thought about Cal Poly. She sent a letter of interest to Eppright.

Eppright then sent a letter back, inviting Arnold to come for a tour and according to Arnold, that's what sold her.

"When I got here, I toured the campus and met the tennis teams," Arnold said. "The campus was beautiful and everyone was so nice that I just fell in love with it."

Arnold says living in California is a lot different than living in Arizona, but she likes it.

"I've never lived by water before — the temperature is a lot milder," Arnold said. "It's fun because you can go up and down the coast to so many different places like San Francisco and Los Angeles. I'm used to being so far away from everything."

The competition is a lot stronger in California than in Arizona, according to the ginger-haired athlete.

"It will be even better and more challenging in Division I next year," Arnold said.

Even though the competition is tougher, she's handled it masterfully, climbing the regional rankings to No. 6. Arnold says she kind of likes the energizing quality of being No. 1 on the team.

"When you win at No. 1, it gets everyone else in the winning spirit," Arnold said. "It's kind of a chain reaction."

Arnold and her teammates will try to carry on that spirit this weekend in the Nationals at Cal Poly Pomona.

"We haven't been as fired up this year (as last year)," Arnold said. "I'm trying to get across to the freshmen that it really is a big deal."

GROOM: People rent homes during Derby

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in your life," Pitzer said. "The excitement and party atmosphere is overwhelming."

Pitzer said people have to reserve a room in Louisville on Derby weekend more than a year in advance.

"Some people that live in Louisville rent their house out and leave for a week," she said.

Although Combs has never been a part of the madness in Louisville during Derby weekend, he said he has attended a Kentucky Derby party back home in Pembroke.

"It was just like a Superbowl party — barbecue, side bets," he said.

"Some day I am going to go to the Derby, even if I have to be a stowaway in a horse van."

But until then, Combs will simply snuggle up to a television and watch the Derby — maybe jumping closer to the screen to see if the image is one he recognizes. This Saturday Combs will sit in a black leather chair, tell any passer by about horse racing and simply root for the horse he thinks will win the Derby — Brocco.

BASEBALL: Poly trails Riverside by 2 1/2 games

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The Broncos (28-21-1, 13-11 CCAA) close out the season next weekend with three games against Dominguez Hills, adding to the number of final standing possibilities.

Junior Shannon Stephens (7-2) takes the mound tonight for the Mustangs, with junior Mike Kurnik (7-4) throwing for the Broncos.

Saturday's twin bill features junior R.J. Simone (8-3) going up against Pomona's junior Loni Vallejo (7-4) in the opener. The Mustangs will send either sophomore Rob Croxall (2-2), freshman Tony Kuper (2-1) or senior Robbie Weeks (2-5) against the Broncos' junior Larry Lusk (2-3).

With a .322 team batting average, the Broncos have plenty of punch to break a game open in a single at bat. Leading the Broncos offensive attack are senior first baseman Dave Anderlik (.414, 5 HR, 47 RBI) and junior outfielder Aaron Edwards (.376, 21 RBI, 37 stolen bases).

"We're going to have to keep swinging our bats well if we're going to win this series," said Cal Poly Pomona Interim Head Coach Chuck Belk. "Our pitching has been inconsistent at times,

so it's going to have to be our bats that keep us in the games."

With a playoff berth on the line, the Mustangs will have to come back to the consistent pitching and hitting that have earned them three consecutive CCAA titles.

"We're going to have to pitch well and keep the top of their lineup off the bases to be effective," Agler said. "We have to go out there and play every game like it's our last. The games are going to have a playoff atmosphere because it is the playoffs that are at stake with this series."

The Mustangs will have junior left fielder Bret Mueller back in the lineup after sitting out earlier in the week with a bad back. Mueller brings a .333 batting average and a team-high eight stolen bases back into the lineup, complimenting the bats of junior Rob Neal (.289, 4 HR, 36 RBI) and senior Grant Munger (.278, 3 HR, 27 RBI).

According to Agler, freshman second baseman Andy Hall will see limited playing time, if any, in the series. Hall, who has missed the past few series due to back spasms, leads the team with a .349 batting average and sports a .419 on-base percentage.

DERBY: Student, former horse groomer saw unpolished side of racing

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tucky drawl. "All the horses that have been there like SECRETARIAT and all those other big horses, have all walked on the same track."

"Walking through the arches (entering the track) and knowing how many excellent horses and trainers and owners is an awesome feeling, especially when you see all the people in the stands," he said.

He said besides the history, the quality of the track itself makes Churchill Downs the equivalent of baseball's Wrigley Field.

Other than the history and the well-kept track, the backside environment is similar to any other he has worked at, including Ellis Park in Evansville, Ind.

The facilities — the stables and barn — and many of the track employees are the same as most any other track. He said the Derby attracts the million-dollar horses and their high-paid caretakers, but the regular low-wage trainers and groomers — like Combs was — still float around the backside of the track. He said it is quite a blend.

"Coming from a backside to the (track) is a whole different

world," Combs said as he tilted his head and leaned back in a black leather chair. "It's like a carnival in every sense of the word."

He said some of the people he noticed around the backside

horse since the time he walked off Lazy Acres Farm his last day as an employee in 1985. But he still breaks into stories about his days at the stables with just the slightest mention of horses or racing, said his roommate Scott Murphy, an agribusiness senior.

Shirley Pitzer, owner of Lazy Acres Farm and Combs' former employer, said she doesn't remember Combs being excessively talkative. But she does remember him — even though as many as 75 employees like Combs have come and gone through the years.

"He was methodical and attentive to details," she said over the phone at her Kentucky home.

Both summers Combs worked for Pitzer and her husband, he specifically attended to three race horses.

Combs said the highest-priced horse on the Pitzer's farm was worth \$30,000. The Pitzers have never owned a Derby runner, according to Pitzer.

But that has not kept the Pitzers from the Derby. They have attended the Derby several times.

"It's like nothing else before See GROOM, page 6

Run for the Roses

The post positions and odds for the 120th running of the Kentucky Derby

Post	Horse	Odds
1.	Soul of the Matter	20-1
2.	Valiant Nature	12-1
3.	Powis Castle	30-1
4.	Holy Bull	8-5
5.	Ulises	30-1*
6.	Mahogany Hall	30-1*
7.	Strodes Creek	8-1
8.	Go For Gin	15-1
9.	Tabasco Cat	6-1
10.	Brocco	3-1
11.	Smilin Singin Sam	30-1*
12.	Southern Rhythm	15-1
13.	Blumin Affair	15-1
14.	Meadow Flight	30-1*
15.	Kandaly	30-1

*Mutual Field odds

of the track nine years ago were a "callous type of people that travel around the race circuit, living out of a suitcase."

But Combs said he doesn't miss it.

Combs hasn't groomed a

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Greek News

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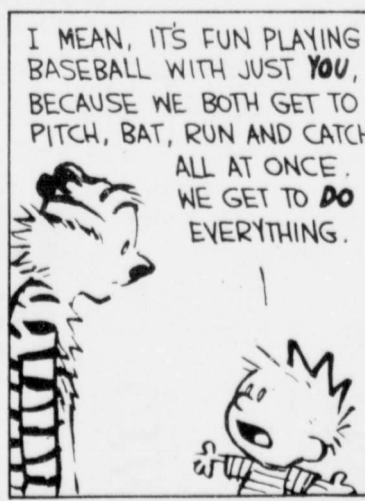
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TRACY ARNOLD: A Killer on the Courts

By Lori Witmer
Daily Staff Writer

A gray Cherokee Jeep with Arizona license plates pulls up to the G-2 parking lot and stops. Out steps a 5-foot, 6-inch woman. She heads to the back of the Jeep, opens the tailgate and grabs her weapon.

She then heads over the grassy field towards her version of a firing range to pick out her ammunition and determine if it will be one of those days when she's firing blanks.

After ironing out her kinks, she locates her enemy and the war begins.

This isn't actually a battlefield where people fight for their lives — it's the tennis courts. Although at times it may seem like a war zone where every shot counts, nothing is killed besides the bright yellow tennis balls.

Nineteen-year-old Tracy Arnold — with help from her weapon of choice, the tennis racket — fights for pride and victories.

Head Coach Chris Eppright

said Arnold's strength as an athlete is her competitiveness.

"She is super-competitive and she hates to lose," he said.

The No. 1-singles player says she probably got it from watching Charles Barkley, who is one of her favorite athletes and role models.

"I really like him because he's feisty — a real fighter," Arnold said. "He loves to win."

Although tennis is probably her top priority right now, it isn't the only thing on her mind.

As she puts her graphite version of an assault weapon back into its padded casing, her mind shifts away from her war zone and toward the future.

The biological sciences sophomore hopes to graduate in three more years and go on to medical school. Arnold added she doesn't want to play tennis professionally.

The teen-ager was born and raised in Arizona, where she started playing tennis at the age of 9. She says she didn't start playing seriously until about five

See **ARNOLD**, page 6

The Nationals

Quarterfinals - Today

- A. #1 North Florida vs. North Colorado
- B. #4 Grand Canyon vs. Pace (NY)
- C. #3 Cal Poly Pomona vs. Air Force
- D. #2 UC-Davis vs. Cal Poly SLO

Semifinals - Saturday

- Winner A vs. Winner B
- Winner C vs. Winner D

The Arnold File

Tidbits on Mustang tennis star Tracy Arnold

Age: 19

Year: Sophomore

Major: Biological Sciences

Hobbies: Reading, hiking and going to concerts

Favorites

Music: Classic Rock

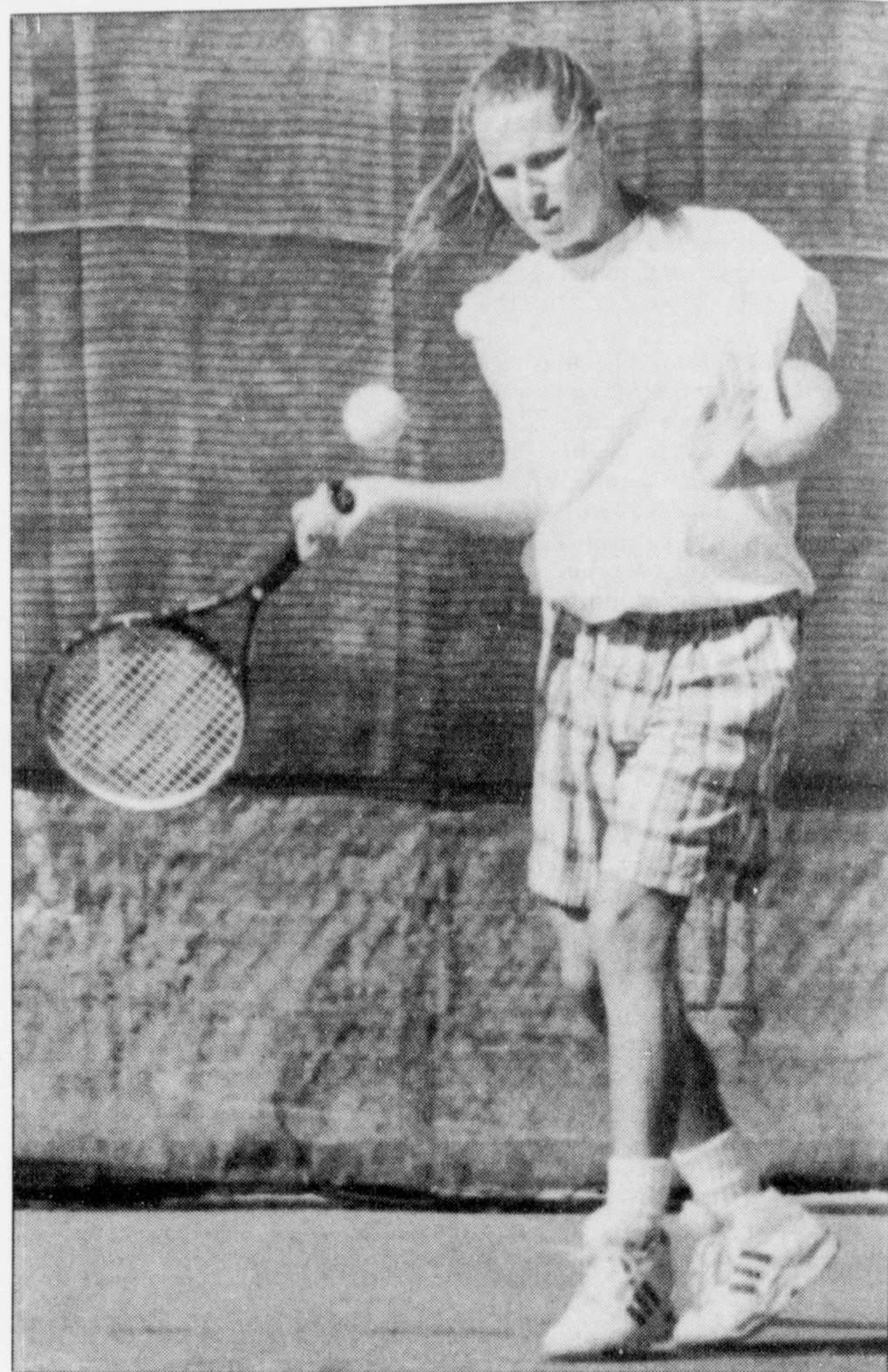
Artist: Jane's Addiction

Movie: Fletch

Color: Red

Pro Athlete: Charles Barkley and Dan Marino

Sophomore Tracy Arnold has shot down some of country's best to get to her 11-8 record and national rank of sixth / Daily file photo



Two Polys square off to remain in tight CCAA race

By Tim Vincent
Daily Staff Writer

With the season winding to a close, the Cal Poly baseball team faces the tough task of erasing a 2 1/2-game deficit in the California Collegiate Athletic Association standings with only six conference games remaining.

The Mustangs hope to begin closing the gap with a three-game set against Cal Poly Pomona starting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Sinsheimer Park. Both teams return for a Saturday doubleheader at 1 p.m.

The Mustangs hit the road immediately after the game for a makeup contest

against Cal State San Bernardino Sunday at 1 p.m.

Cal Poly (26-19, 13-10 CCAA) trails UC-Riverside (35-15, 17-9 CCAA) and Cal State Dominguez Hills (33-14, 15-9 CCAA) in the standings and is one-half game up on the Broncos entering the series.

"We're only one game out of this in the loss column," said Interim Head Coach Kent Agler. "There's four teams that still have a legitimate shot at (the title). This weekend could go a long way in determining the outlook of the conference going into the final weekend."

Cal State Dominguez

Hills and UC-Riverside face off this weekend in a three-game series which could have a number of implications for Cal Poly's title chances.

"If one team would sweep the other, it could answer a number of questions for us," Agler said. "This weekend might put the last week of the season in a better perspective or not tell us a darn thing."

"There's just too many things that can happen between now and the end of the season. I've gone through it in my head a million times and I still don't have an answer."

See **BASEBALL**, page 7



Mechanical engineering junior Ralph Combs says he doesn't miss grooming race horses one bit. He also doesn't miss a chance talking about his track days / Daily photo by Mark Gewertz

Student reflects on walking over hoofsteps of past Derby legends

By Brad Hamilton
Daily Sports Editor

Despite recent sports pages being sprinkled with Kentucky Derby stories, few Cal Poly students and employees pay enough attention to the sport's most well-known race to think Tabasco Cat isn't something a brave soul dabs on a taco.

However, at least one Cal Poly student will pay special attention to the 119-year-old race, which combines with the Preakness Stakes and Belmont

Stakes to make up the Triple Crown.

Pembroke, Ky., native and mechanical engineering junior Ralph Combs plans to watch the 1 1/4-mile race and possibly catch a glimpse of his former employers or colleagues. One thing is for sure, the stocky 30-year-old Joe Montana look-alike figures on reminiscing on the handful of occasions he and the horses he groomed made racing trips to Churchill Downs in Louisville — home of the Kentucky Derby.

Although he never worked as a groom for horses in the Derby or other races during Derby weekend, he did walk and brush \$10,000 horses racing at the prestigious track during the summers of 1984 and 1985.

He walked his horses along the same path as so many top groomers and trainers walked their famous horses so many times before him.

"When you're walking you feel a lot of history," Combs said with a Ken- See **DERBY**, page 7

Shark fans going ballistic

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Don't tell the Hammerheads that Californians are supposed to know more about surfing than ice hockey.

The Hammerhead Booster Club is made up of about 200 die-hard San Jose Sharks fans. And their number is growing, now that the Sharks are battling the Toronto Maple Leafs in the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

"I honestly believe that Sharks fans believe they can affect the outcome of the game," said Hammerhead president Kin Robles, 36, of Lafayette. "We can't suit up and we can't take a shift on the ice — but we can certainly make some noise and let them know we're behind them."

The Sharks decisive 3-2 victory over the Detroit Redwings in Game 7 of the conference quarterfinals sent teal-clad Sharks fans into the streets, hollering

and honking horns.

"We literally danced around the house and then we went outside and started yelling. Then I heard some of the neighbors outside yelling for the Sharks, too. It's spread everywhere," said Michael Sherman, 25.

During the playoffs, the arena opens to Sharks fans who want to watch road games on huge monitors above the ice. Proceeds from the \$3 tickets are going to a San Jose children's shelter.

On Wednesday night, several thousand boosters turned out. The Sharks lost to Toronto 5-1, but that hardly seemed to matter.

The fans did the Shark Bite — a biting motion made with the arms to the theme from "Jaws" — during power plays. They drank teal margaritas in the arena's club.

"This is the greatest thing to happen to San Jose," raved Mayor Susan Hammer. "I'm Shark crazy!"